

The SWORD of the LORD

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"And they cried, The Sword of the Lord, and of Gideon." Judges 7:20

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Christ's Flag and America's --- Keep Both Flying

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First Line of Defense

My fellow-Americans and fellow-Christians, I present to each of you a spiritual call to arms. In other generations, this has been America's FIRST LINE OF DEFENSE. It is high time the Christian forces everywhere petition the most high God for a spiritual awakening as the greatest safeguard to our national security. During all the truly great crises for the past one hundred and fifty years, Godly leaders have, without exception, found applicable the scriptural text, "The throne is established by righteousness." Prov. 16:12.

Picture GEORGE WASHINGTON, at Valley Forge, prayerfully kneeling in the snow seeking God for help. There came to him by divine revelation the future of this great Republic. If the infant nation would be properly established, it must be by righteousness. Not by appeasement on the one hand, nor by alliances on the other. Not by total reliance upon huge armies, navies or military might, for of these he had none. Nay, "not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord."

Observe PRESIDENT JAMES MADISON during the 1812 war crisis, proclaiming the "third Thursday of August, as a day of acknowledging the transgressions which might justly provoke divine

displeasure, of seeking merciful forgiveness." This attitude did not go unrewarded.

Take note of ABRAHAM LINCOLN as he steered the ship of state through troubled waters. After so glorious a beginning, she was now threatened with destruction upon the sea of civil war. Kneeling until the morning hours, some nights never retiring at all, Lincoln sought God. When the worse had come to the worst, he proclaimed April 30, 1863 as a day of "National repentance, fasting and prayer, that the united cry of the nation might be heard on high, and answered with blessings, no less than the pardon of our national sins!" Victory came, and AGAIN the "nation was established by righteousness."

Our Sure Defense

In these days of national declension when civilization itself is threatened, what is our first line of defense? Is ours a military problem only? Is ours an economic problem only, or is ours chiefly a moral and spiritual problem wherein the hope of survival lies not solely in regiments, but righteousness as well? Whence cometh deliverance? Only by lifting high the blood stained banner of the Cross can America hope to keep the Stars and Stripes unfurled. Let's "Keep 'Em Flying."

"Righteousness exalteth a nation," declares the Bible. This is our SURE DEFENSE. This fact is easily established from both sacred and profane history. Israel had forgotten God and as an inevitable (Continued on page four)

Some Blessed Letters

1. Church Member Saved Through the Sword of the Lord and Radio WMBI

From Dixon, Illinois, a good woman writes: "You are doing a great work and *The Sword of the Lord* is a wonderful little paper. Between it and WMBI I found that I had been a church member for 23 years and not saved, but this Thanksgiving Day I am saved!"

Then she continues that she hopes to win her husband and her children and asks our prayers.

Dear friend, help get this *Sword of the Lord* out with its saving gospel messages.

2. Woman Saved Through Booklet, "What Must I Do to Be Saved?"

From Bear Creek, North Carolina, we received a card saying: "Dear Brother Rice: Realizing that I am a sinner, and believing that Christ died for my sins, I here and now trust Him to be my personal Saviour, depending on Him to forgive all my sins, change my heart, and give me everlasting life as He promised to do. I am glad to confess Him as my Saviour, and gladly mail this to let you know. Mrs. W. N. Dixon gave me one of your books on 'What Must I Do to Be Saved?' and I read it through and I am writing you to let you know."

3. Learned Why Her Prayers Were Not Answered

A dear woman from Minnesota whose name and address we will not give, has written the Editor a very earnest letter in which she (Continued on page three)

DOUBLE THEME OF ALL THE PROPHETS

I. ALL BEAR WITNESS TO CHRIST

II. ALL TEACH SALVATION BY SIMPLE FAITH

"To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins" — Acts 10:43.

BY EVANGELIST JOHN R. RICE

When Peter went to preach to Cornelius, the Roman centurion, God let him sum up all the Old Testament in one verse as given in Acts 10:43. "To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins." Cornelius and his entire household who had been prayerfully seeking God, saw the way of salvation at once and were instantly saved and gloriously filled with the Holy Spirit.

What a marvelous unity there is in the Bible! The theme of the whole Bible is Christ. And this verse says that the Old Testament prophets, every one, gave witness to Christ, and that every one of them taught that whoever put his trust in Christ received remission of his sins, forgiveness, salvation!

This is wonderful proof of the divine authenticity of the Scriptures. Only God could have about forty men, writing over a period of 1600 years, all unite in one theme and never a one contradict the others. All pointed to Christ! And all showed that salvation was by simple faith in Him alone.

I. Christ Is the Theme of Old Testament Prophets

1. Christ is everywhere in the book of Genesis. When the serpent under Satan's leadership and constant symbol of Satan, deceived Adam and Eve and led them into sin and death God comforted them by His statement to the serpent, "And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall

bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel" (Gen. 3:15). That seed of the woman who will finally crush Satan is Christ.

When God promised Abraham that "In thee shall all the families of the earth be blessed" He referred to Christ. When He promised that Abraham's seed should inherit the land of Canaan forever, that with Abraham's seed He would make an everlasting covenant, He referred to Christ, the great descendant of Abraham. And Galatians 3:16 says, "Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ."

When Abraham offered Isaac, he did it in faith, knowing that Isaac was a type of Jesus Christ. Like the Lord Jesus, Isaac was a long-expected and promised son. He was counted the only-begotten son. He was offered as a sacrifice, and symbolically, raised from the dead! In all this Abraham saw the coming Saviour. When, on the way up Mount Moriah with Isaac, he said, "My son, God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt offering" (Gen. 22:8) he referred to Christ, for the Saviour said in John 8:56, "Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day: and he saw it, and was glad."

And Hebrews 11:17-19 tells us that, "By faith Abraham, when he was tried, offered up Isaac: and he that had received the promises offered up his only begotten son, Of whom it was said, That in Isaac shall thy seed be called: Accounting that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead; from whence also he received him in a figure."

2. Christ is pictured repeatedly throughout the ceremonial law.

Christ was pictured by the Passover lamb, a male lamb of the first year (in its full prime) without a blemish as Christ was without sin or fault. The lamb roasted whole with fire and without water represented Christ who suffered all the torments of the damned for us without alleviation. The lamb was eaten with bitter herbs, representing the sufferings of Christ.

All the sacrifices picture Christ. The lamb pictured Him as the innocent one suffering for the guilty. The young bullock pictured Him as our burden-bearing Saviour. The scape-goat pictured Him as taking our blame, carrying away our sins from the presence of God. The mourning turtle-dove pictured Him as the man of sorrows and acquainted with grief, who bare our (Continued on page two)

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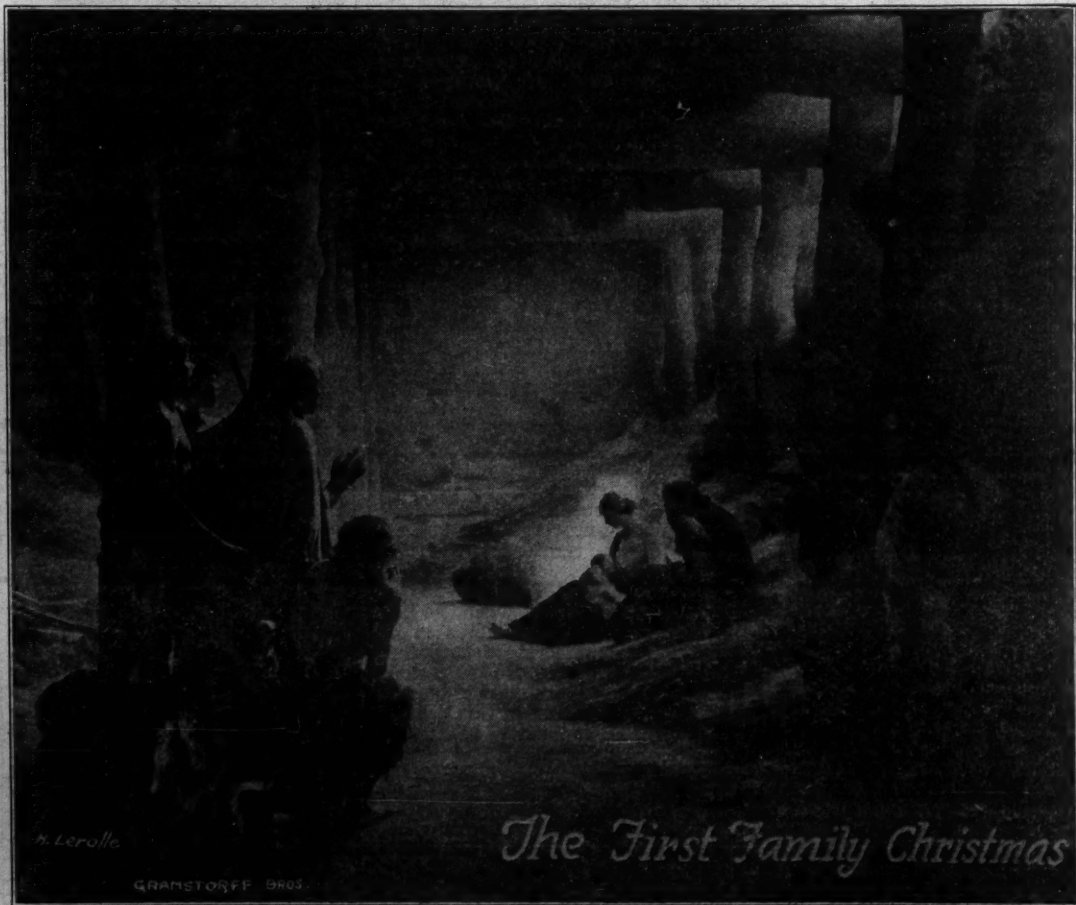
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Lieut. Marshall J. Anderson of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, fought his last battle for home and country on January 19, 1942. His flight of planes had been attacked by a greatly superior number of Japanese planes. A terrible fight ensued and his plane was crippled. He was forced to bail out, and two Japanese planes followed him to the ground, riddling his parachute with machine gun bullets. As he hung helpless in the air, he was shot to death. Unsatisfied, one enemy plane returned and machine-gunned his crumpled body.

Lieut. Anderson was one of the most fearless pilots of the Philippine Air Force. On January 17, he had been awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for outstanding gallantry by Gen. Douglas MacArthur, the commander of the American forces in the Philippines. The communique read in part:

"On that day, at the head of his flight of pursuit planes, Lieut. Anderson attacked a superior force of enemy dive bombers, dispersing the hostile planes. In this action, Lieut. Anderson shot down an enemy observation plane. He then led his flight in an attack on a hostile bomber formation, forcing the bombers to release their bombs prematurely and harmlessly and to flee. Continuing the attack, Lieut. Anderson then led his flight in a heavy machine gun attack on an enemy truck convoy."

Decorated by Gen. MacArthur
"Upon Lieut. Anderson's return to the flying field, Gen. MacArthur (Continued on page four)



The First Family Christmas

Double Theme of All the Prophets

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sickness and our sorrows. The pure white pigeon pictured Him as the sinless one. The offering of fine flour pictured Christ, our bruised Saviour. It was anointed with oil, picturing Christ filled with the Holy Spirit. It was offered with frankincense, picturing how he intercedes for us with the Father and how pleased God is with the offering of His own Son, how satisfied with the payment of our debt!

Christ is pictured in the priesthood. He alone can enter into the Holy of Holies to make intercession for us according to the will of God. He alone can be our mediator, our priest, our Saviour.

The tabernacle pictured Christ. Its boards of acacia wood pictured the humanity of Christ and they were covered with gold which pictured His deity. The inner veil pictured His flesh, torn on the cross (Matthew 27:51; Hebrews 10:20). The white linen covering of the tabernacle pictured His righteousness. The blue covering pictured His heavenly nature, His deity. The ram-skins dyed red pictured His atoning blood. The badger skins which were the outer covering pictured how He is unlovely to the outside world who do not perceive His beauties. In the tabernacle the table of shewbread continually pictured Christ as the bread of life. The seven golden lamps pictured Christ as the light of the world. Not an incomplete or imperfect light but the perfect light, perfection being pictured by seven. And these lamps were fed by olive oil, which pictured the Holy Spirit. Christ in His human ministry was completely filled and empowered with the Holy Spirit. And the altar of incense before the veil which separated it from the Holy of Holies pictured Christ in His perfect mediatorial work, His prayer, His intercession for us before the Father and how pleased God is with His offering.

3. Incidents on the wilderness journey of Israel pictured Christ. The manna which fell every day from Heaven pictured Him as the true bread from Heaven (John 6:31-35). Christ was the Rock smitten in the wilderness out of which came an abundance of water that all the people might drink (Ex. 17:5, 6). And being once smitten, the Rock needs never to be smitten again, but only spoken to for the continued fullness of His blessing (Num. 20:7-12).

The brazen serpent, lifted upon a pole in the wilderness, so that snake-bitten Israelites might look and be healed by God's mercy (Num. 21:5-9) pictured Jesus. For Jesus told Nicodemus, "As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have eternal life" (John 3:14-15).

In Deuteronomy 18:15 Moses prophesied, "The Lord thy God will raise up unto thee a Prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto me; unto him ye shall hearken."

In fact, Christ is so clearly portrayed in Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy, that Jesus himself said, "For had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed me: for he wrote of me. But if ye believe not his writings, how shall ye believe my words?" (John 5:46, 47).

4. Jesus was a favorite theme of the prophets who wrote the Psalms. Psalm 2 tells how the kings and rulers would set themselves together to take counsel against God's Anointed. (The word Anointed is translated Christ in Acts 4:26.) In Psalm 2:7 God says, "Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee."

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And in verse 12 the sinners are exhorted, "Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish from the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all they that put their trust in him."

Psalm 22 plainly tells of the Saviour's death on the cross, even the words of his prayer. Psalm 16:10 tells of His resurrection.

5. Christ was the Coming Seed of David who was promised to reign on David's throne forever beginning at some future time (II Samuel 7:10-16; I Chron. 17:4-15). The same promise is continued in the 89th Psalm.

6. Christ is often foretold in Isaiah. He is the "Branch" out of the stem of Jesse, David's father, in Isaiah 11, and His glorious reign on the earth is foretold. He is the man of sorrows and acquainted with grief, the suffering servant of Isaiah 53. Even the beating and marring of His face and form were foretold in Isaiah 52:13, 14. Isaiah 61 tells how Christ was to be anointed with the Holy Spirit to preach the good tidings to the meek, to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and the opening of the prison to them that are bound. And Jesus Himself read this Scripture in the synagogue in Galilee, and said, "This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears" (Luke 4:14-21).

7. Other prophets throughout the Old Testament pictured Jesus clearly. Jeremiah 23:5 pictured His return and reign when it said, "Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth." Ezekiel spoke of Him when he promised the restoration of Israel and said, "And I will set up one shepherd over them, and he shall feed them even my servant David; he shall feed them, and he shall be their shepherd. And I the Lord will be their God, and my servant David a prince among them" (Ezek. 34:23, 24). That "David" is the greater David, Jesus Christ, descended from David according to the flesh, and promised to sit on his throne.

Daniel 9:25, 26 tells of "the Messiah, the Prince," and tells exactly when He should come, sixty-nine weeks of years, 483 years, from the decree to rebuild Jerusalem in the days of Ezra and Nehemiah. And Micah 5:2 promised clearly that in Bethlehem of Judea Jesus would be born, a ruler in Israel. Jonah, by being three days and nights in the belly of the whale, pictured that Christ would be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth, that is, buried three days and nights before His resurrection (Matt. 12:40).

Zechariah 12:10 foretells the piercing of the Saviour's side with a spear, and how one day, at His second coming, Jews will see this and repent, while Zechariah 13:6 tells how they will discover the wounds made by the nails in His hands when He was crucified! Zechariah 14 tells plainly of the Saviour's coming and verse 9 tells us, "And the Lord shall be king over all the earth." And that Lord is Christ!

The Old Testament Scriptures close with Malachi, and there in chapter 3, verse 1, we are told, "Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me (John the Baptist); and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in; behold, he shall come, saith the Lord of hosts."

Christ is the theme of the Old Testament as well as the New. And Peter truly said to Cornelius that, "To him give all the prophets witness!"

If you read the Old Testament with a spiritual mind and a prayerful heart you will find hundreds of references to Christ not here mentioned, but clearly intended by the Holy Spirit, as you will see.

II. All the Prophets Teach Exactly The Same Plan of Salvation, by Faith in Christ

Some foolish people have supposed that God had various plans of salvation down through the ages. It has been taught that some were saved by keeping the Ten Commandments. Others have believed that Jews were saved

through the blood of the sacrifices of animals. But Hebrews 10:4 says, "For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins." No, no, all those sacrifices only pointed toward the salvation which is offered freely, purchased for us by the blood of Christ, and received by those who trust in Him. Others have supposed that in the days of John the Baptist people were saved in the act of baptism. But John the Baptist himself plainly said in John 3:36, "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him." That is exactly the same plan of salvation as that in John 3:16; Hab. 2:4; Acts 16:31; and Romans 3:28. No, there are no different plans of salvation. The testimony of all the prophets is this, that "through his name whosoever believeth in him should have remission of sins."

Throughout the Bible then we will find the foretelling of Christ's death, we will find reminders of the blood that would be shed. And throughout the whole Old Testament it is made clear that all who trust in Him are saved. "For unto him give all the prophets witness that through his name whosoever believeth in him should have remission of sins," as our text in Acts 10:43 declares.

1. In Genesis people were saved by faith in the coming Saviour.

Before Adam and Eve had been cast out of the garden, but after they had sinned, they made aprons of fig-leaves sewed together (Gen. 3:7). That pictures the way frail human beings try to cover their nakedness and sin, by their own works. But how frail and unsatisfactory is such a covering! As a child I tried the same thing with my playmates. We pinned grape-leaves and oak leaves together with straws. But they were soon dried and brittle and fell apart, just as all of man's self-righteousness fails him! But God had a better way to cover man's nakedness and sin than that; He made coats of skins and clothed them (Gen. 3:21). Thus the first animal was slain picturing Christ, and so we are covered with a robe of Christ's own righteousness and our nakedness and sin is hidden from God's face, when we trust in Christ.

Cain brought an offering to God of the fruits of the ground which he had raised with his toil and sweat but God would not receive such an offering. And that pictured the truth that God is never pleased when men come in their own name and righteousness, depending on their own works. But at the same time Abel brought of the firstlings of his flock and the fat thereof (Gen. 4:1-5). And Hebrews 11:4 says, "By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts; by it he being dead yet speaketh." It was not that God was pleased with Abel in himself, but that God was pleased with his gift which he offered by faith. For that gift pictured the coming Saviour, the innocent Lamb of God that should take away the sin of the world.

Noah was commanded of God to build an ark. The heavenly specifications were given. Noah and his family, eight souls, were saved from the mighty flood in that ark. But the ark pictured Christ. The seams of the ark were pitched with pitch, and the same word for pitch in Genesis 6:14 is the Hebrew word translated "atonement" in Leviticus 17:12, etc. Noah was saved not by his goodness, but by simply stepping into the ark. And Hebrews 11:7 tells us, "By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith."

Note again that Noah was saved exactly as we are. He "became heir of the righteousness which is by faith." Noah understood that that ark pictured Christ. He understood that he would be counted righteous by putting his trust in this coming Saviour. And so he stepped into the ark, took his family in with him and was carried safely through the flood. But inwardly a greater blessing came. Noah was saved by faith in the coming "ark" of God, Jesus Christ.

How was Abraham saved? Abraham "believed in the Lord and he

counted it to him for righteousness" (Gen. 15:6). And Romans chapter 4 holds Abraham up as the example for all ages, both for Jews and Gentiles, teaching that he was saved wholly by grace, when he trusted in the coming Saviour. And so sin was not imputed to him. Just so we are saved when we put our trust in Christ.

2. God's dealing with the children of Israel in Egypt and the wilderness pictures salvation by simple faith in the shed blood of Christ.

No gospel text in the New Testament is stronger than the lesson given on salvation in Exodus chapter 12, where the children of Israel were commanded to take the blood of the Passover lamb and smite some of it on the two door posts, and on the lintel above the door, with a bunch of hyssop. Thereafter the firstborn son of such a home was safe. At midnight the death angel passed over the land of Egypt and in every home on whose door there was not that mark of blood the first-born of man and the first-born of all cattle suddenly died! And God said plainly, "When I see the blood I will pass over you" (Ex. 12:13).

But that rescue of the first-born sons from physical death pictured God's way in which every soul may be saved from eternal death. The Israelites trusted in the blood on the door. They deliberately applied the blood as directed. Then they sat down safely within the home. They did not work for their safety. They did not earn it, they did not deserve it. They simply believed God's blessed promise that when He saw the blood, He would pass over them and the death angel would not come within that blood-protected home to strike. What an accurate and beautiful picture of saving faith that is!

The first-born sons were not saved by being better than the Egyptians. They were not saved by keeping laws and commandments. They were saved simply because they put their trust in the blood that was on the door. And spiritually-minded Jews may have seen what we can see, that the blood dripping from the lintel of the door was like the trickle that ran down the face of the Saviour from the thorns on His brow, and like the blood from the spikes through His feet, or like the river of blood that ran down from His side where the spear entered. And the blood on each door-post may have pictured to them as it does to me the out-stretched hands of Jesus pierced by the nails for us and dripping blood. Let no one think that anybody in the Old Testament was ever saved in any way but exactly as we are saved. They believed that God would furnish a Passover Lamb, and that this Lamb of God should take away the sins of the world. And those who were saved simply depended and trusted in the blood that should be poured out, believing God's word.

Another picture of salvation was when the children of Israel thirsted for water in the wilderness and complained and murmured. Then God told Moses to take the rod in his hand and smite upon the rock in Horeb. And when he did there came out a river of water that the people and their cattle drank abundantly.

What a picture of salvation! They did not work for it, they did not buy it, they did not get it by circumcision or ceremonies. Moses with the rod of God in his hand smote the rock. Just so Christ was smitten by the rod of God and chastised for our sins. And from Christ, the smitten Rock, there flows a fountain of everlasting life and whosoever will may come and drink. Thus salvation is free. All who come to the smitten Christ may drink of the water of life and never thirst again.

The blessed fact that salvation is eternal, that God does not cast away His children, is taught very plainly in Numbers 20:2-13. The people thirsted again, long afterward. And God said to Moses, "Take the rod and gather thou the assembly together, thou, and Aaron thy brother, and speak ye unto the rock before their eyes; and it shall give forth his water and thou shalt bring forth to them water out of the rock; so shalt thou give the congregation and their beasts drink" (Numbers 20:8). Note that in this second time Moses was commanded to speak to the rock and not to smite it. But in anger

and vexation Moses smote the rock before the children of Israel. Thus God's lesson was missed by Israel, but not by the prophet who wrote. For Christ being once crucified need not be crucified again. Our sins are settled forever when He is crucified once and when we have taken of Him once. Salvation is settled once for all with one smiting of Christ and one believing by a sinner. Thereafter we may come again and drink and drink and never thirst again.

The same blessed lesson was taught in Exodus 12 in the story of the Passover Lamb. Israelites were to eat of the Passover lamb that one night, and all of it was to be eaten. If any remained till the morning it was to be burned. By this God meant to teach that salvation is not a gradual process but a transaction once for all whereby a believer partakes of Christ, and so is saved. There are not varying steps in salvation. Rather "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life" (John 3:36; John 5:24; John 6:47). Why, it is evident that the Old Testament has exactly the same gospel as the New and that "To him (Jesus) give all the prophets witness that through his name whosoever believeth in him should have remission of sins."

When the snake-bitten Israelites were commanded to look simply at the brass snake lifted on a pole, to be healed, as told in Numbers 21:5-9, that was a clear picture of how people are saved today. In fact Jesus used exactly that illustration to show Nicodemus that "As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:14, 15). Looking to the brass snake on the pole symbolized a poor sinner dying with the snake-bite of sin, looking to the crucified Saviour for salvation. And as the snake-bitten, dying man was healed when he believed the word of God and looked, so a poor lost sinner, when he believes what God has said and depends upon the crucified Saviour, looking to Calvary in his heart, he is forgiven and saved!

For forty years the children of Israel were fed by manna from Heaven. Every day it fell, except on the Sabbath. And enough fell on Friday to do for both Friday and Saturday. It was called angels' food and it pictured Christ who said He was the bread from Heaven. But notice how the people took it. They did not buy it. They could not hoard it, even when they tried. And even those who did not gather as much as others, had just as much when it was all measured out. There was no element of merit in that manna whatever. They did not grow it in the field. They did not buy it with money. They did not deserve it by righteousness. They simply believed God and took it and ate it. And that is the way sinners are saved. They simply take of Jesus Christ and eat the Bread from Heaven. John 1:12 says, "As many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name." And so those that received the manna, took it and ate and were saved from death in the wilderness. What a beautiful picture of receiving Christ by faith, simply taking the salvation He offers!

3. The way people offered the bloody sacrifices of the Old Testament pictures salvation by faith in Christ.

We have reminded you that all the sacrifices pictured Christ. And now let me remind you that they also taught that salvation is by simple faith. When a Jew brought his sin-offering he admitted his own sin, but the beast was killed instead of the sinner! When he brought a peace-offering, it was pictured that his peace was gained by the death of another. And again and again we are told in varying words that, "It is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul" (Lev. 17:11). We know that they were never saved by the blood of animals, and they knew it too. The blood of bulls and of goats never did take away sin. When they brought a sacrifice, that sacrifice never purged their conscience nor made them perfect before God. But it did picture to them that God would have a sacrifice provided, "the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world." And those who were saved did not

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depend upon the animal sacrifice, but depended upon God's Lamb who was yet to come.

Likewise the priesthood was a constant reminder to the people that they were not fit to appear before God. They must have some intercessor, someone who would make an offering in their behalf. And so all who truly understood the significance of the priesthood, knew they must look forward to God's high priest who would come.

Some people very foolishly make a distinction between the Judaism of the Old Testament and the Christianity of the New Testament. But true Judaism points as clearly to Christ and His atoning blood on Calvary as Christianity. The God of the Old Testament and of the New is the same God; the Christ of the Old Testament and the New is the same Christ. The plan of salvation of the Old Testament and the New is the same plan of salvation.

4. Many promises of the Old Testament point to salvation by simple faith in Christ, the coming Saviour.

In studying the meaning of Acts 10:43, and searching for illustrations of it I have just been impressed anew with a remarkable truth. Some of the greatest texts on salvation by faith in Christ are first in the Old Testament and then quoted in the New Testament! For instance Martin Luther's great text of the reformation, "The just shall live by faith" is found in Romans 1:17, Galatians 3:11 and in Hebrews 10:38. But every one of these Scriptures is quoting from the Old Testament to prove salvation by faith. For the statement is originally found in Habakkuk.

Likewise that sweet promise of Romans 2:13, "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved" is found first in the Old Testament in Joel 2:32, "And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be delivered." And Peter quoted that Scripture on the day of Pentecost, as reported in Acts 2:21, "And it shall come to pass that whosoever will call on the name of the Lord shall be saved," saying plainly that "This is that which was spoken of by the prophet Joel."

You see all the New Testament apostles used Old Testament texts, to preach that people are saved when they simply put their trust in Christ.

In Romans 9:31-33 we find the argument of Paul, divinely inspired, that Israel as a whole was not saved, "because they sought it not by faith" and then he quoted from Isaiah 28:16, as follows: "As it is written, Behold, I lay in Zion a stumbling-stone and rock of offense: and whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed." And then in the tenth chapter Paul shows the terrible error of the Jews who seek to establish their own righteousness and have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God and says in Romans 10:9-11, "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shall believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed." Here again Isaiah 28:16 is quoted, proving that salvation is by faith in Christ alone and that all who put their trust in Christ will never be left to be embarrassed and lost and

ashamed over their sins, but are forgiven and saved.

Therefore true Judaism, as taught in the Old Testament, is Christianity. It is as proper to preach revival sermons from the Old Testament as from the New Testament. The Passover supper pictured the death of Christ for sinners, salvation by faith, in exactly the same way as the Lord's Supper does now.

I have just carefully looked over, in Young's Analytical Concordance, every time the word *trust* is used in the Old Testament. I find that in the Psalms alone people are commanded to trust in the Lord and are given sweet and precious promises of their safety if they put their trust in the Lord, or rebuked for not trusting Him, about seventy times! The word *trust* is used in Jeremiah and Isaiah more times than in the entire New Testament! And it is used more often of trusting in the Lord by far than the same word is used with that meaning in the New Testament! In the book of John the word *believe* is often used like *trust* is used in the Old Testament. But in the book of Psalms alone the word *trust* is used more often of the Lord than the word *believe* is used of God and of Christ in the book of John!

Trusting Christ for salvation is as often taught in the Old Testament as in the New. Consider that Abraham believed God and it was counted unto him for righteousness, and that in Romans chapter 4, Abraham is held up as a great example of salvation by faith. Consider that Jesus in teaching Nicodemus how to be saved used the example of the brazen serpent on a pole to picture the Son of man and the Israelites' looking to the brass snake on a pole to illustrate a sinner believing in the crucified Saviour. Consider the galaxy of Old Testament heroes mentioned in Hebrews chapter 11 and that every one of them did what they did by faith not by merit or works of righteousness. Consider that nearly the entire book of Hebrews is used to show how the Old Testament tabernacle worship, offerings and priesthood, pointed to salvation by faith in a crucified Saviour. Consider that Peter's sermon at Pentecost, and Paul's great message on salvation in Romans 10:1-13 is based on Old Testament quotations that "whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed" and "whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." Consider that "The just shall live by faith," great texts in Romans 1:17, Galatians 3:11 and Hebrews 10:38, are all quoted from Habakkuk 2:4. Now isn't that overwhelming proof that every prophet in the Old Testament taught exactly the same plan of salvation as the prophets in the New Testament?

What Peter said by divine inspiration in Acts 10:43, that "To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him should have remission of sins" is true!

Dear reader, I hope you will study further this blessed, blessed truth. Begin now to try to find all through the Bible pictures of Christ and of His atoning blood, and of the doctrine that one who puts his trust in Christ is saved. You may find help from the notes in the Scofield Bible as you study the Old Testament. You will find help from "Christ in the Pentateuch" by Dr. J. B. Tidwell, a large book of 364 pages published by Zondervan. You will find help from the 5-volume set on the Pentateuch by C. H. McIntosh. You will find help in the book "Simple Talks on the Tabernacle" by Dr. D. H. Dolman. You will find help by the great book on "The Tabernacle, Priesthood and Offerings" by the late Dr. I. M. Haldeman. But most of all you need a believing, humble mind and heart, led by the Holy Spirit as you really search the Scriptures. And soon you will be finding Christ on every page, and salvation offered in every type and promise! This article has only barely scratched the surface.

And dear sinner friend, if you read this, will you, like Cornelius and his household take the testimony of all the prophets, that "Whosoever believeth in him, (in Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour) shall have remission of sins"? Oh, trust Him today!

Bible Questions Answered

BY THE EDITOR

1. How old do scientists who are really Christians think the earth is?

2. Did all of Adam's children marry within the family?

QUESTION 1: "How old is the earth estimated to be by Christian scientists?"

ANSWER: There is a difference of opinion. Personally, I believe the earth is about 6,000 years old, maybe a little older. I believe that the strata of rocks, the coal beds and the beds of fossils were all caused by the flood. I believe that the foolish estimates of millions of years are only silly guesses by so-called scientists; and I know that these guesses cannot be proven. Scientists who have such big guesses do not agree.

Dr. George McCready Price in his college textbook, "The New Geology," takes this same position. The best explanation that I know of of this position is given by Byron C. Nelson in his book, "The Deluge Story in Stone," published by Augsburg Publishing Company, Minneapolis, Minnesota, \$1.50. It is thoroughly Christian and thoroughly scientific.

However, editors of the Scofield Bible, and a good many other real Christians and scientists believe that there were long ages on the earth before God created Adam. They believe that there is a space of time indicated between the creation of the planet in Genesis 1:1 and the subsequent creation of the present plant and animal life in the following verses. I do not agree with them, but this position is held by Dr. Ironside and by many other leading Bible teachers. They believe that long geological ages actually took place, that in these ages the fossil beds and coal beds were formed, but that animal and plant life did not arrive through process of evolution, but by direct creation. These good Christian men believe that there was one creation of animal and plant life ages ago, and that this first creation left its remains in fossils. Then there was another creation, as described in Genesis, chapters 1 and 2, they think, and that creation included all present life on the earth.

You must know that if we get outside the Bible there is nothing the scientific mind can definitely know about how old the earth is. It is all a guess.

QUESTION 2: "Did all of Adam's children marry within the family?"

ANSWER: Yes, undoubtedly. There was no one else to marry. Genesis 3:20 says, "And Adam called his wife's name Eve; because she was the mother of all living." Then Eve was the mother of all the people on the earth. In Acts 17:26 Paul says that God "hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth." And in I Corinthians 15:22 we are plainly told that "in Adam all die," meaning that everybody in the world is descended from Adam and so inherited the taint of his sin. So we could not be descended from any other line of human beings but from Adam and Eve and their descendants.

It will be helpful for you to read Genesis 5:1-5. Verse 4 says, "And the days of Adam after he had begotten Seth were eight hundred years: and he begat sons and daughters." So with Adam and Eve having children for 800 years, it is clear that there would be plenty of wives for Cain and Seth and for other sons of Adam.

Some people have misunderstood Genesis 4:17 which says, "And Cain knew his wife; and she conceived, and bare Enoch." That does not mean that Cain there first met his wife, but rather that there his wife conceived and bare a child.

Now, when people have so many diseases and there are so many faints in the blood lines, it is not thought wise for people who are of close kin to marry. But then when bodies were perfectly strong there was no reason to forbid it.

And you should remember that Abraham and his wife, Sarah, were half brother and half sister with the same father, but with different mothers. (See Genesis 20:12).

Some Blessed Letters

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says, "I sent for your books; 'Prayer,' also 'Bobbed Hair,' by Dr. Rice. I read 'Bobbed Hair' through and about one-third of the book on 'Prayer' up to the tenth chapter, also the chapter on 'Hindrances to Prayer.' I must admit I went through so many different feelings, of anger first, then of resentment and shame and anguish. I read some parts three times before I could make myself read it carefully and with an open mind. Then I started on the book, 'Prayer,' read a few chapters, then turned to the last on 'Hindrances to Prayer.' Well, that last chapter on 'Hindrances to Prayer' has made me see what's wrong with me, why my prayers are not answered.

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"And though I am outwardly obedient and submissive most of the time to him (her husband, she means) I see after reading your books I feel rebellious and carry a grudge in my heart, and that comes between me and God. Oh yes, it's true, I have a lot of calls for feeling sore or rebellious, but according to God's Word I am oh so guilty! and so hinder my own prayers.

"Will you . . . pray for me, also my husband? But I need your prayers just as much."

Many other women are finding special help in the book "Bobbed Hair, Bossy Wives and Women Preachers," and are seeing why their prayers are powerless and their lives unhappy. And many, both men and women, are being convicted and blessed and helped by the two chapters on "Hindrances to Prayer" in the new large book, "Prayer — Asking and Receiving." "Bobbed Hair, Bossy Wives and Women Preachers" is a cloth-bound book, 92 pages, 6 chapters, price only 50c, while the large book on PRAYER has 328 pages, 21 chapters, lovely binding and attractive jacket, and sells for only \$1.25. We get them out only to serve God and bless the hearts of His people. They may be ordered from *Sword of the Lord Publishers*. And you may find, as many others have found, that the wrong home-life is a hindrance to prayer that is no joke before God!

4. Finds One Fault With Book, "Prayer"

From Kalamazoo, Michigan, a Christian woman wrote November 29, as follows:

"There are no words adequate to express my feeling in regard to your new book. I never dreamed how 'afar off' we who think we pray are from the true wholeness and holiness of prayer.

"I thank God, and you, for this wonderful soul-satisfying education along the line of real prayer. Why,

I do not think I had even passed the Kindergarten course and am seventy years old. I am going to get that book into the hands of some ministers I know. I'd enclosed check for another book on Prayer.

"Just one fault I have to find with your book. I have to read too late and long, and awaken and turn on the light and go back and read it over again. Talk about novels keeping one awake. I'll affirm that few will get sleepy reading this book.

"Again thanking you, I remain,
"Sincerely yours."

Aurora Pastor Writes of Dr. Hankins' Ministry

We have a fine letter from our brother, Rev. J. R. Humphries, pastor of the Claim Street Baptist Church in Aurora, Illinois. The Claim Street Baptist Church had with them Dr. Joe Henry Hankins for the eight days, November 1 to 8. They had a blessed revival in that brief time, and I think there were somewhere about fifty professions of faith in the eight days. I understand that thirty-three came out for Christ publicly the last Sunday. The church has asked Dr. Hankins to return for a longer engagement next October. Brother Humphries writes as follows:

"The ministry of Dr. Joe Henry Hankins, with the Claim Street Baptist Church from November 1st to 8th was a season of refreshing from the presence of God. Many experienced the new birth, and quite a number publicly confessed Christ. The services were fraught with the power of the Holy Spirit.

"His gracious ministry in the afternoon services will long be remembered by my people, when he gave meditations on prayer. He certainly is a dynamic preacher, fearless and intensely earnest in preaching His Word, yet safe and sane. We are looking forward to having him with us next year, God willing. Thanks for making it possible for him to be with us this year."

"The Bible is a book in comparison with which all others, in my eyes, are of minor importance, and which in all my perplexities and distresses has never failed to give me light and strength."

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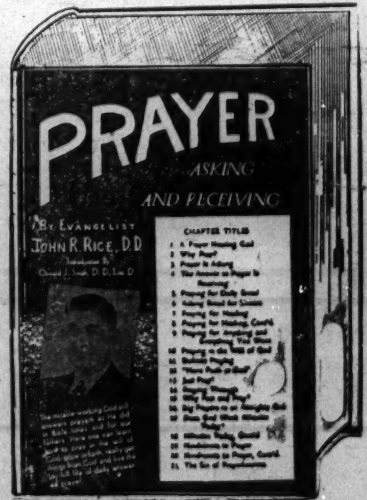
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For Distinguished Service

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personally decorated him on the spot with the Distinguished Service Cross."

Many times before enlisting in the Air Corps, he had proved his faithfulness as a soldier of the Lord Jesus Christ. This is revealed in a letter to his mother, Mrs. Roy R. Anderson of Oklahoma City just three months before he was called to his heavenly home. A portion of his letter dated October 16, 1941, reads:

"Greetings, my darling Mother:

"Sitting here tonight, with my feet perched on a table, I finished the 'Life and Works of Dwight L. Moody,' and it utterly makes me quake at the thought of my unworthiness to be away from active Christian service, which I love so greatly. I long for that day soon when I can return to civilization and people who understand the deeper things of life.

"I cannot recall a time when I did not go to church on Sunday and on Wednesday to prayer meeting. Those days when I was young come back to me often now in times of idleness and thinking. Darling Mother, I am so glad I was born of you and Dad. Nothing I have yet done has brought the credit to you that is due for all those years of toil and patient understanding which you willingly imparted to us. But I still have hopes of doing some small thing of worth in payment of the never-ending debt I owe to you.

"I appreciate the sermon you sent to me, but it will not be the same as if you were sitting by my side. Thinking back, I remember the look that would be in your eyes when I was accomplishing some good. Never shall I be thankful enough for all this early training. My desire now is to give to others some of that which you helped place in my life. Tomorrow is a new day and I look forward anxiously . . ."

Lieut. Anderson did not realize how soon he would have an opportunity to prove that he could accomplish some good in a great cause.

His father's words, when notified of his son's death, were: "The boy gave his life for this home, as well as for all the others in the nation. One consolation to his mother and me is that he was a good Christian boy and he knew what he faced."

"What Time I Am Afraid . . ."

His parents and other loved ones, although saddened by the news, had peace in their hearts, because they knew Marshall was a genuine Christian. He had given his heart and life to the Lord at the age of nine, and at that time memorized a verse which had proved a comfort many times, "What time I am afraid, I will trust in thee" (Psa. 56:3). Recently when presenting his fiancée with a New Testament, he wrote on the flyleaf, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me" (Philippians 4:13), adding, "If anything should happen this will carry us through."

Possibly at the end, realizing the great danger he was facing, he relied upon these promises. He proved his faith in the Word of God to the last, for the final entry in his diary on January 17 mentions the Bible.

Lieut. Marshall J. Anderson was given an award for gallantry coveted by every soldier, but there is a far greater reward to be given by the Lord Himself. His name has been written on the pages of American history, but how much more wonderful it is to know that his name is written in the Book of life! Happy is the man who can say with the Apostle Paul: "I have fought a good fight, I have finished

Christ's Flag and America's — Keep Both Flying

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consequence had fallen into spiritual darkness and national slavery. Facing annihilation at the hands of the world's most ruthless dictator, the nation cried to God and mended its broken vows. By divine intervention she was saved from otherwise certain destruction at the hands of the powerful Egyptian armies. A return to God constituted the solution to her national ills.

Explain the rise of our Nation to such prominence while so young. Is it not traceable to the righteousness of its founders? Our pilgrim fathers PRAYED at Plymouth Rock. After so perilous a crossing of the Atlantic, what was their first act, but to kneel in worship. Observe their sacred regard for the Lord's Day and righteousness. Now, amidst all our efforts to preserve democracy, it is well to remember, it was from the soil of religion that democracy sprang. Moreover, the right to worship God was the sole actuating motive for

my course, I have kept the faith: henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day, and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing" (II Timothy 4: 7, 8).

Where Do You Go from Here?

You who read this account may be facing dangers as great as those of Lieut. Anderson. Can you say, "If I were ushered out of this life as quickly as he, I would know my destination"? Have you accepted the Saviour who shed His blood on Calvary's cross for you and rose from the grave a mighty victor over death?

Do you have a peace and assurance in your heart, knowing that you have received the gift of eternal life through the Lord Jesus Christ? Do you realize that "It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment" (Hebrews 9:27)? If so, do you know that the Lord Jesus Christ has said: "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation (judgment), but is passed from death unto life" (John 5:24).

The promises of the Lord are sure. He is able to save, keep and satisfy. Act upon this promise now, "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved" (Romans 10:13). Here is another sure promise: "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him" (John 3:36). Accept His gracious invitation: "Him that cometh unto me I will in no wise cast out" (John 6:37).

What blessed peace the Lord Jesus gives to the heart that trusts Him! "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee" (Isaiah 26:3). Be sure you possess this peace! This is what Lieut. Marshall J. Anderson possessed and which sustained him in his last hour on earth.

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Sin: America's Saboteur

At the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia, Ben Franklin made the motion, adding, "I have lived a long time and the longer I live the more convincing proof I see, that God governs in the affairs of men; and if a sparrow cannot fall without His notice, is it probable that an empire can rise without His aid? Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain who build it. Without His concurring aid," said Franklin, "we shall proceed no better than the builders of Babel." Hence, prayer was the very foundation stone in the nation's building.

The FATHER OF OUR COUNTRY once said, "It is impossible to rightly govern the world without God and the Bible," and ANDREW JACKSON later remarked, "That Book sir, is the rock upon which our Republic rests." Less than one hundred years ago DANIEL WEBSTER uttered a solemn warning and prophecy. Said he, "If we abide by the principles taught in the Bible, we will go on prospering, but if we do not, catastrophe may suddenly overwhelm us." America, take warning!

No nation, which relegates the Bible to the background, no individual who disregards the love of God and flouts the claims of the Man of Galilee, can long survive. What happened to Chorazin, to Bethsaida? Did not sin bring ancient Capernaum to hell? From the pinnacle of glory she sank into oblivion according to the word of Christ, and no trace of her can be found today. What contributed to the recent downfall of France, but the decay of the moral and spiritual fiber of her people? France excluded the Bible from her schools, banished the name of God from her legal documents, removed the phrase "God protects France" from her coins, and went merrily on her way to destruction.

"Righteousness exalteth a nation, but SIN is a reproach to any people." This is our greatest enemy. Sin is America's REAL SABOTEUR!

Our First Front

We are hearing much these days regarding the sadly neglected military defense of this hemisphere, which neglect, we are told, may imperil our chances of surviving the hour of trial. While we agree with this view, history and God's Word teach, that of far greater significance, is our lack of proper moral and spiritual defense. There has never come a national breakdown where moral and spiritual decay has not first done its deadly work.

Said PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT recently, "No greater thing could come to our land today, than a revival of the spirit of religion. I doubt if there is any problem, social, political, or economic that would not melt before the fire of such a spiritual awakening." Hence, he appointed the first day of 1942 as "A day of prayer, of asking forgiveness for our shortcomings."

"Why such appalling world conditions?" you ask. Governor Schrickler, of Indiana, offers a significant answer — "The world is sick tonight because it has forgotten God. Democracy can be saved only by the spiritual strength of its people, and that spiritual life is needed today as it has never been before." Some time ago, Rev. Welles, of Alexandria, Va., preached to his two very distinguished guests, President Roosevelt and Winston Churchill, "I believe that the present world struggle is at its core a SPIRITUAL STRUGGLE, and that MUCH EVIL IS ON OUR SIDE. We Americans need to be purged and cleansed individually and nationally before we are worthy to survive." Hence, sin is the touchstone. Military weakness could not spell our doom if we were strong spiritually. Napoleon once said, "God is on the side of the heaviest artillery." This has long since been disproved, and as recently as Dunkerque, when in answer to the petitions of praying multitudes packed in British churches, three days of fog miraculously covered the channel evacuation, redeeming three hundred thousand lives. In still earlier days,

this alone, a national turning to God, AGAIN saved England, this time from plunging into the horrors of the French Revolution, and righteousness exalted the nation.

Wake Up, America!

AWAKE AMERICA! Stir thyself! If righteousness will exalt the nation and merit God's favor, then sin will prove its ruin. "Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened that it cannot save," cries the evangelical prophet, "but your iniquities have separated between you and your God and your SINS have hid his face from you." Sin is the stigma, and not till we repent personally and nationally of all our wickedness, will God fulfill His promise of Divine reinforcements.

Gibbon, in his "Rise and Fall of the Roman Empire," lists five contributing factors to the debacle. Among these were sin and the forgetfulness of God. I give you these causes. "Rapid increase of divorce with the undermining of the home — the mad craze for pleasure — the building of gigantic armaments when the real enemy is within, the decadence of the people and the decay of religion." This conclusion coming from an unbeliever causes one to think. Are not our national conditions comparable to those of that period immediately preceding the fall of the Roman Empire? There is our MORALS DECLINE and breakdown of the home. Licentiousness and adultery have swept nation after nation out of existence. Did it not bring fire and brimstone upon Sodom and Gomorrah? What carried ancient Rome to ruin? The obscene frescoes of Pompeii and Naples tell the tale. Are not WE lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God? Is there not now a decay of religion? Less than two per cent of the citizenry of our land frequented any place of worship last Sunday night. There is our alarming CRIME SITUATION. Fifteen million crimes were committed last year and the staggering bill was sixteen billion dollars. These are but EFFECTS. What is the CAUSE? J. Edgar Hoover speaks — "These conditions are secondary in importance to the disastrous decay of religion. Over sixty million of our fellow-citizens profess no religion, many of them no belief in God. This is AMERICA'S GRAVEST PERIL." These facts present a challenge to the professing Christian church of all faiths, and to the praying constituency of our nation.

God Bless America

"GOD BLESS AMERICA," this we sing with almost a religious fervor. But, cries the Psalmist, "Blessed is that nation whose God is the Lord." Such presumption on our part aptly calls for Abraham Lincoln's reply to an officer, who requested, "Pray, Sir, that God will be on our side." "NEVER," replied the President, "rather let us pray that we may be on God's side." America, are we in very truth on God's side, or are we trying to entice God to our side with further blessing, and VICTORY, while condoning our sins?

Millions of our fellow-citizens are now thinking much along these same lines. I am in receipt of letters of recent date, from many rep-

resentatives of our national leadership, and every sentiment might be summed up in one paragraph from U. S. Congressman Knutson of Minnesota, "Most of our present day troubles are due to the fact that we have forsaken the faith of our fathers and no longer do we AS A NATION follow in the footsteps of the Lord. It may well be that He is putting us through the crucible, from which we shall emerge refined."

God rules the world on the principle that we reap what we sow, so in the ravages of war, we reap the hideous consequences of sin. "Your young men have I slain with the sword, yet ye have not returned unto me saith the Lord." During the Civil War Abraham Lincoln held this view. Said he, "We have forgotten God. Those nations only are blessed, whose God is the Lord. The awful calamity of war which now desolates the land may be but divine punishment." In his famous call to repentance as the solution, the beloved Lincoln had much scriptural precedent. Jeremiah saw well the fate of his nation in the event of a victory by either the Babylonian or Scythian armies; yet in the face of threatened invasion, and national dilemma, he demanded repentance toward God as the only alternative. Much to be desired in this hour of world travail is the application SPIRITUALLY of the time honored adage, "Eternal vigilance is the price of freedom."

Spiritual Call to Arms

America, I present you with a SPIRITUAL CALL TO ARMS. "Come, let us return unto the Lord: For He hath smitten and He will bind us up," for thus saith the Lord, "If my people, who are called by my name, will pray, and will turn from their wicked ways, I WILL HEAL THEIR LAND." America cannot sing her way out, nor buy her way out. She must pray her way out. The man who can bring us to our knees in contrition, will do most to help mold this generation aright and will prove the nation's greatest benefactor. This should be made our much publicized "SECOND FRONT," nay "OUR FIRST FRONT."

To safeguard our democracy and preserve the true American way of life, we need, we must have a revival of genuine old fashioned Christianity, deep, widespread, in the power of the Holy Spirit, if our land is to be healed. It is this or the dissolution of the home, church and nation. May God forgive our sins, kill our stupidity, help us repent, turn and pray, and hurl us into the spiritual conflict. Let us make a spiritual contribution to the cause of freedom and democracy by a personal re-inculcation of the teachings contained in the Ten Commandments and the Sermon on the Mount, that the Banner of the Lord, Most High, and the Stars and Stripes, may long remain unfurled, "O'er the Land of the free, and the home of the brave." What do you say America? Let's KEEP 'EM FLYING!

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